

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 44-48, 51-61, 63-67 and 70-80 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have withdrawn Claims 1-43, cancelled Claims 49, 50, 62, 68, 69, 81 and 82 without prejudice, and amended Claims 44, 51-53, 63, 70 and 71. The claim amendments were made to more precisely define the invention in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2. These amendments have not been necessitated by the need to distinguish the present invention from any prior art. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, Claims 50 and 69 were indicated as allowable subject matter. In order to expedite prosecution of the subject application and place it in condition for allowance, independent Claims 44 and 63 have been rewritten to include the limitations of Claims 50 and 69, respectively, and any intervening claims. Thus, Claims 44, 63 and each of the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance and an action acknowledging the same is respectfully requested.

All other claims have either been cancelled or withdrawn to obviate any rejections thereto. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any

remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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